

Top Speed 1995-96

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Hot Wheels Top Speed, touted as the “Most Advanced Vehicles in Hot Wheels History”. Each package came with two Top Speed vehicles, a catapult launcher and an accelerator tube. The cars were mostly all plastic except for axles and the metal launching hook. The launching hook dropped down to fit into launching track; you would pull the car backwards on the track until it clicked, and once set, you would press the release button and launch the car through the tube. A neat feature on the cars was the performance bar, if you slid the bar toward the rear, the chassis would twist so the car would “handle” better through loops, curves and pipes. In the forward position the chassis would stiffen for drag racing action. The tube had an attachment on the end to add a track piece or it could be flipped up to make what was called a “Jammer Jump”. The back of each package had two cut-out performance spec cards for each model. If you have a package, take the time to read them for some entertaining stats.

There were eight different models that sold for two years in 1995-96. In the second year two new models were issued along with the previous models and featured a ‘Solar Flare’ finish. Some of these models have metallic-colored tampos, color chrome interiors, brighter colors and clear tires. These models came in an array of different colors and wheels styles. All cars were made in Malaysia and had the Hot Wheels logo on the base. Only two different wheels were used on these cars, Progressive Oval wheels (pow) or Hot Hubs wheels (hh). The following list is all the known variations at this time. If you have any not listed e-mail me at .www.HotWhlsNL@aol.com so it can be added to a future list.

Back Burner

- a. clear pink, yellow base, orange exhaust guard, chrome interior, yellow design on top yellow hhgy.
- a2. clear pink, as a, powli.
- b. clear blue, yellow base, orange exhaust guard, chrome interior, orange design on top yellow hhor.
- c. clear orange, yellow base an exhaust guard, blue chrome interior, met pink and blue design on top yellow hhor.



Corkscrew

- clear pink, green base and wing, chrome interior, orange and green lightning bolt on top and sides, hhor.
- clear orange, purple base, orange wing, chrome interior, purple and yellow lightning bolt on top and sides, purple hhyw.
- yellow, blue base, yellow wing, pink chrome interior, met. pink met, green, and met. gold design on sides, and front wings, clear orange hhor, Solar Flare package.
- clear dark purple, orange base, purple wing, orange chrome interior, met. green and met. pink stripes on sides, clear pink hhor, Solar Flare package.



Cyro Pump

- clear blue, black base, chrome interior, orange stripes on top and sides, yellow hhbu.
- clear yellow, yellow base, chrome interior, purple stripes on top and sides, hhpv.
- clear yellow, as b, powpk.
- clear pink, brown base, blue chrome interior, met pink and gold design on top and sides, clear black hhyw, Solar Flare package.



Road Vac

- a. clear purple, orange base, chrome interior, lime flames on top, hhyw.
- clear purple, as a, powpk.
- clear green, black base, chrome interior, purple flames on top, blue hhor.
- clear, black base, pink chrome interior, met gold and met blue, design on sides, clear orange hhor, Solar Flare package.



Shock Rod

- clear blue, yellow base, chrome interior, orange stripes on top, hhor.
- clear yellow, purple base, chrome interior, blue stripes on top, powgn.
- clear yellow, as b, hhgy.
- clear red, yellow base, pink chrome interior, met blue and met gold stripes on top, clear yellow hhpu, Solar Flare package.
- clear green, orange base, tinted chrome, interior, met gold, met blue and silver, design on top, clear orange hhpk, Solar Flare package.



Sting Shot

- clear orange, pink base, chrome interior, yellow design on top, blue hhgy.
- clear blue, orange base, chrome interior, yellow design on top, orange hhbu. Ultra Pipe Fight set
- clear purple, orange base, pink chrome int., met blue and gold spot design on top, clear green hhyw, Solar Flame package.



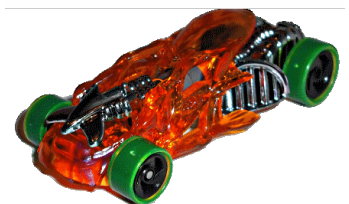
Bi-Sector

- clear yellow, black base, blue chrome interior, met pink, silver and gold lightning bolts on top clear blue hhyw, Solar Flare package.
- clear yellow, as above, clear green hhgn, Solar Flame package



Cyber Climber

- clear orange, orange base, chrome interior, met. pink design on top, green hhbck, Solar Flame package.



Play Sets

Ultra Pipe Fight #12203 – came with two cars

Triple Threat #12262 – came with one car

Cruel Duel #12392 – came with two exclusively decorated cars

